**Mr. K. Madhava Kurup** (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) :

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Three miles have been improved, but only 2 miles and 3,040 feet are now being maintained.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) Government are not aware.

(*f*) No.

*Devicolam Cutcherry Settlement.*

37. ***Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar** (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the total area of the Devicolam Cutcherry Settlement ;

(*b*) the total area of fuel reserve in such settlement ;

(*c*) the number of houses built at Government expense as quarters for Government servants and the number of private houses, if any, in such settlement ; and

(*d*) the number of public offices located in such settlement?

**Mr. K. George** : (*a*) 174·34 acres excluding fuel reserve.

(*b*) 195·36 acres.

(*c*) 66 buildings as quarters for Government servants and 31 private houses.

(*d*) 13.

**Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar** : With reference to part (*c*) of the answer, may I know what will be the area occupied by all the buildings together ?

**Mr. K. George** : I am not in a position to say that.

*Rates of fees for the occupation of travellers' bungalows.*

38. ***Mr. J. John Kattakayam** : Will the Government be pleased to state whether uniform rates are charged for officials and non officials for the occupation of travellers' bungalows and, if not, the reason therefor ?

**Mr. K. Madhava Kurup** ; Yes. But some concession is allowed in the case of officers drawing a salary of less than Rs. 300 in view of the frequency and necessity of their tours in the interests of Government work, which necessitate their camping in travellers' bungalows.

**Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai** : May I know from Government whether the rates fixed for the officials and the non-officials are the same ?

**Mr. K. Madhava Kurup** : The rates for the officials and non-officials are the same, but some concession is given to officers drawing a salary below Rs. 300.

**Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai** : May I know what that concession is ?

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**Mr. K. Madhava Kurup**: Only 75 per cent of the tariff rates is realised from officers drawing a salary of Rs. 150 to 300 and only 50 per cent of the tariff rates from those drawing Rs. 150 and below.

**Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai**: May I know why that concession is allowed?

**Mr. K. Madhava Kurup**: The concession is allowed to officers drawing a lower salary, in consideration of the fact that they get only a lower rate of T. A.

**Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai**: Are not the non-official members of the committees which go on tour to pay in full?

**Mr. K. Madhava Kurup**: I am afraid they must pay; and they get first class officers' T. A.

**Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai** (*Commerce and Industry South*): May I know why non-official members of the Legislature are not allowed the concession?

**Mr. K. Madhava Kurup**: They are classed as first class officers in the matter of T. A. Therefore they are not given this concession.

**Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai**: They only get T. A. when they go on official business. My question is whether they are entitled to the concession if they are touring throughout the State to obtain public information with regard to a particular matter?

**Mr. K. Madhava Kurup**: No.

*Land available for registration in the Devicolam Cutcherry Settlement area.*

39. ***Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar**: Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any more land in the Devicolam Cutcherry Settlement area available for registration to *bona fide* Travancoreans, and, if so, what is the extent?

**Mr. K. George**: No land is available for assignment in the Devicolam Settlement area.

**Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar**: May I know from the member whether any lands were registered in the name of private individuals within that settlement area?

**Mr. K. George**: Yes.

**Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar**: When was such lands registered?

**Mr. K. George**: The lands were being held on lease in the settlement area. The leases were renewed from year to year. Later on it was found desirable to register those lands to the occupants because they have put up substantial buildings;

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